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ABOUT ASEAN "WORKING PAPER" ON KOREA

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1. USUN (MISOFF) DISCUSSED ASEAN "WORKING PAPER" ON
KOREA WITH MALAYSIA'S DEPUTY PERMREP COUNSELOR AJIT SINGH
ON OCTOBER 7. DRAWING ON REFERENCE (A), MISOFF EMPHASIZED
THAT, NO MATTER HOW WELL-INTENDED ASEAN "WORKING PAPER"
MIGHT BE, WE BELIEVED ITS CIRCULATION AT THIS TIME COULD
BE MOST DAMAGING TO OUR RESOLUTION AND FRENCH AMENDMENTS
THERETO. MISOFF CONTINUED THAT, THROUGH VIGOROUS LOBBYING
AND THE POSITIVE AND REASONABLE CHARACTER OF OUR RESOLU-
TION, WE BELIEVED WE COULD CARRY THE DAY IN THE FIRST
COMMITTEE. MISOFF THEN UNDERLINED THAT WE CONSIDERED
THE ASEAN DRAFT TO INCORPORATE TOO MUCH OF THE HOSTILE
RESOLUTION'S LANGUAGE. FURTHERMORE, WE HAD ABSOLUTELY
NO INDICATION THAT THE HOSTILE SIDE WAS IN ANY WAY
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FLEXIBLE AND WOULD ACCEPT THE ASEAN DRAFT. THEREFORE,

CIRCULATION OF THE "WORKING PAPER" COULD BE INTERPRETED AS WEAKNESS ON OUR SIDE AND THUS YQDEN THE OTHER SIDE'S POSITION. MISOFF ENCOURAGED ASEAN SUPPORT OF OUR POSITIONS ON PRIORITY, THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, AND THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION.

2. SINGH SEEMED SURPRISED AT THE STRENGTH OF THE US REACTION. HE SAID THAT INDONESIA'S FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK HAD SHOWN THE DRAFT TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA'S FOREIGN MINISTER KIM AND THE LATTER HAD RESPONDED MOST FAVORABLY TO IT. SINGH STRESSED THAT THE ASEAN "WORKING PAPER" HAD BEEN PREPARED WITH THE BEST OF INTENTIONS FOR CONTINGENCY PURPOSES SHOULD THE FRIENDLY POSITION APPEAR IN DANGER. IT HAD DRAWN MORE HEAVILY ON THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION, BECAUSE THE ASEANS CONSIDERED HOSTILE SIDE VERY HARD TO MOVE. HE STRESSED THAT THE ASEANS HAD NO INTENTION OF TABLING THE DRAFT UNLESS IT WAS ACCPETABLE TO BOTH SIDES AND THE FRIENDLY SIDE WANTED IT TABLED. HE ADDED TOO, THAT MALAYSIA AMONG THE ASEANS HAD BEEN THE LEAST ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT DRAWING UP AN ASEAN "WORKING PAPER" ON KOREA.

3. SINGH SAID THAT THAILAND'S AMBASSADOR ANAND WOULD APPROACH THE COMMUNIST SIDE ON THE DRAFT; AND SINGAPORE'S AMBASSADOR KOH, THE FRIENDLY SIDE. SINGH JUDGED THAT THE HOSTILE SIDE WOULD REJECT THE ASEAN DRAFT BECAUSE OF ITS REFERENCES TO "ALL THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED" AND TO THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. HE PREDICTED THEREFORE THAT THE "WORKING PAPER" WOULD BE A NONSTARTER. HE ASKED WHAT THE US WANTED DONE WITH THE "WORKING PAPER". MISOFF STRESSED THAT IT SHOULD BE PUT AWAY IN ORDER NOT TO DILUTE THE FRIENDLY LOBBYING EFFORT. IN CONCLUSION, MISOFF URGED THAT THE ASEANS CONSIDER THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND FRENCH AMENDMENTS WITH A VIEW TO COSPONSORSHIP AND OR FULL SUPPORT OF THESE PRACTICAL AND RESONABLE INITIATIVES WHICH INVITE DIALOGUE RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION AND WHICH SUPPORT FREEDOM AS WELL AS PEACE.

4. SINGH REPLIED THAT, IF THE "WORKING PAPER" WERE DROPPED BY THE ASEANS, THEN EACH OF THEM WOULD CHART CONFIDENTIAL

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ITS OWN COURSE ON THE KOREAN QUESTION. HE PREDICTED THAT THAILAND AND THE PHILIPPINES WOULD SUPPORT THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, WHILE SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA, AND INDONESIA WOULD ABSTAIN. HE FORECAST THAT MALAYSIA PROBABLY WOULD ABSTAIN ON THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION. AS TO VOTING PRIORITY, HE SAID HIS MISSION WAS UNINSTRUCTED. HE WOULD CABLE FOR INSTRUCTIONS. HE INDICATED PERSONAL SUPPORT FOR THE PRIORITY OUR RESOLUTION ENJOYS.

5. COMMENT: JAPAN'S AMBASSADOR SAITO TOLD AMB. MOYNIHAN
OCTOBER 8 THAT THE NORTH KOREANS HAVE VOICED AN EXTREMELY
NEGATIVE REACTION REGARDING THE ASEAN DRAFT TO UN
ASSISTANT SECRETARY-GENERAL AKATANI. ADDITIONALLY, SAITO HAS
REPORTED TO USUN THAT THE ASEANS ARE DISCOURAGED BY
THE US RESPONSE. MOYNIHAN

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